

Briefing Minutes: Coutts Border Protests

Date & Time

2022-02-16 @

Present:

See the attendance sheet

UNIT/NAME/AGENCY	UPDATES/NOTES	DD/FOLLOW UP
RCMP SILVER	•	
C/SUPT. T. DAROUX	• Three way approach going forward wants a large visual presence and logistics in place until at least Saturday and then re-asses and scale back if necessary; • Talk about how to de-escalate and demobilize from this point on. There may be a desire to come back here. Try to push anyone to the legal protest site near Milkriver; • With the blockade removed, we will move into stage 2, which will heavily rely on Intel. Expecting at least some vehicles will try to attempt at any one of the three ports. Wants to have members staged in the event and will be prepared to move them prior to them setting up; • Issues with potential risk to railway infrastructure. Wants to engage with CP Police in case there is any plans to blockade railway lines; • The emergencies Act gives an incredible amount of power to enforce legislation against protestors. Zero Tolerance; • Respected, supported and agreed with member's hand shaking and interacting with the crowd at CP10 during the collapse of that area.	

	Positive communication, presence and community policing;	
INSP. L. BRACHMANN	• 4 teams of 2, tow trucks are in place at Coutts and bodies to operate them. Will have some on their way this morning to stage; • There is other equipment in Lethbridge that is on hold. If it is a dynamic situation, they will have the capability to remove them right away. No issues with security to the trucks; • The current plan is to tow and remove vehicles and take them to High River if needed. T&T towing in Lethbridge will tow passenger vehicles to their shop in Lethbridge; • Have had a hard time securing storage for the towed vehicles. One farm tractor still here and can't find a storage space for it; • Will have to be driven, as it cannot be trailered. Wants to hire a pilot company to do so. The vehicle is very heavy and there is no capability to trailer it. Will come up with a plan to do so; • Operators are in Lethbridge staging and are here until Friday but will extend to the weekend and play it day by day.	
RCMP BRONZE C/SUPT. GORD SAGE	• Personal Info. is still on the TV staying we lost the battle but we have not lost the war. Going to regroup and figure out what they are going to do next. • Over all arching plan is getting things back to normal. Realize there is enough bodies but needs that as DEOC is concerned we will go back to what it was. Realizes there are going to be down times and boredom but wants members to start communicating with members of the community and start community policing o help things get back to normal; • Get back to what we're good at;	

	• Really wants to have the members engage the public in a friendly way; • Plan is a heavy overall approach to resources. Does not want check points again. So heavy patrol will suffice rather than a check stop; • Patrol function: if patrol observes something that is not right, pull them over, talk with them and communicate. Have them broken into two different areas, Coutts and Cardston. Will have about 20 members per corridor and sheriff's have 3 in Del Bonita and 6 in Coutts; • Numbers at day: 20-5 in Milkriver, 20-3 in Cardston. Nights has 10-4 in Milkriver and 10-4 in Cardston; • Figuring out resources and where to deploy. Wants to turn the IBET numbers back up to CrOps to figure out what to do with the IBET team. Possibly go back to meet with farmers and return to normal and meet out with their contacts again. Push CrOps to have the IBET team go back to their regular job but heavy presence in the area; • QRT is 2 teams of 4 always on stand by. 7 to 7 and 1200 to 0000hrs; • Intel needs to be active and up; • Vehicle extraction QRT plus 3 members and then Lethbridge TAC will assist with this issue if it arises; • Wants CCMG brought back in to speak with the hard lined protesters; • The no flight area has been rescinded as of last night; • Change Silver/Bronze briefing to 0900hrs.	
CBSA	• Wants to check if Del Bonita will be scaled down given that Coutts is up and running now; • Updated CBSA on numbers of members that will be on site for the next while; • Del Bonita has resumed to normal operations now. Will still see some	

	volumes but expects it to go back to normal; - Starting file workup on individuals arrested. Will run an Intel file for disclosure to IBET. - Coutts had 123 commercial vehicles, 44 passenger vehicle crossings which is 25-30% of normal operations.	
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CCMG		
CIP	2 QRT teams of 4 members during the day and at night. Noon until midnight and day shift. Will have other members on call if needed.	
CSET		
GIS/MCU		
DCAS	- Tasking out OCENT on HANSEN, PB&J, and wants to revisit what the tow operator had said; - Wants to have a discussion about what the next plan is from the protestors perspective is; - Wants to stand up a red measures team to deal with what happens next if there is a flare up; - Wants a heavy intel support now; - Have special I to set up a pole cam to monitor the protest site. Will speak with legal as it's a legal protest site;	
GD	- Wants the community to "optically" have the area look like it did before but still wants a presence of uniform and visible presence in the area; - DEOC will be building the plan but will have the next 2 days hold as is, 50	

	days and 50 nights members. Will work with DEOC on sending additional members on stand by if needed; • The new protest site now holds some of the more hard lined protesters that were here.	
SHERIFFS	• Will have resources through the weekend. Supporting members in Del Bonita and Milkriver areas and roving patrol.	
IBET	• Talk about scaling back resources through DEOC. Have just IBET resources around and conversation about FSOC resources; • Just waiting for direction from DEOC; • No issues from last night and conducted border check points and roaming around the Coutts area. Went to Del Bonita and east to Border Road • Will have direction later on today.	
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End @ 0849hrs